Dear Stakeholders:

The Division is proposing an amendment to Chapter IV, General Hospitals, Part 9, Infection Control Services to conform with current practice standards. The change is highlighted in yellow on page 2. Any questions or written comments regarding this amendment should be provided by January 30, 2014 and directed to Laurie Schoder at laurie.schoder@state.co.us.

- 1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
- 2 Health Facilities Regulation Division
- 3 STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES
- 4 CHAPTER IV GENERAL HOSPITALS
- 5 6 CCR 1011-1 Chap 04

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- 7 Part 9. INFECTION CONTROL SERVICES
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- 9 9.101 ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING
- 10 (1) The facility shall have an infection control program responsible for reducing the risk of acquiring and transmitting nosocomial infections and infectious diseases in the facility.
- 12 (2) There shall be a multi-disciplinary infection control committee charged with:
- (a) developing written policies and procedures regarding prevention, surveillance and control of
 nosocomial infections and infectious diseases.
 - (b) making findings and recommendations to prevent and control nosocomial infections and infectious diseases.
- 17 (3) Infection control officer(s) shall implement the policies and procedures and the recommendations of the infection control committee.

19 9.102 PROGRAMMATIC FUNCTIONS

- There shall be written policies and procedures regarding infection control consistent with the following guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, 2007 and Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities, 2003. Policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to:
- 25 (a) the admission and isolation of patients with specific infectious diseases;
- 26 (b) the control of routine use of antibiotics and adrenocorticosteroids;
- 27 (c) the inservice education programs on the control of nosocomial and infectious diseases, 28 including but not limited to universal precautions;
- 29 (d) standards for sterilization of equipment used for direct patient care;

1		(e)	standards for cleaning and disinfecting all areas of the hospital;
2		(f)	standards for linen and laundry services;
3		(g)	the implementation of infection control measures during hospital renovations;
4		(h)	the reporting of diseases as required by laws and regulations pertaining to disease control.
5 6	(2)	The committee shall make findings and recommendations available promptly to the infection control officer for action.	
7	(3)	The co	mmittee shall meet at least monthly QUARTERLY and maintain minutes of the meetings.